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Applicants: Shaffer et al.

Serial No.: 09/189,112

Filed: November 9, 1998

Title: **APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR TELEPHONY FEATURE
ACCESS AND GATEKEEPER
POLICY INTERACTION ON
COMBINED ToL/PBX
SYSTEMS**

Group Art Unit: 2661

Examiner: S. Hom

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:

i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application

ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee

☐ Prior to payment of issue fee.

☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under §1.313 has been granted

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- iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed
- iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §114, OR
☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §146
☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month.
☒ Please enter the unentered Amendment faxed on January 8, 2004.
☐ Please enter the enclosed PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §1.98) with PTO-1449 and Five (5) references.
☐ New arguments
☐ New evidence in support of patentability
☐ Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. §1.17(e))

4. ☒ Filing fee has been calculated as shown below after entering the previous amendment or the preliminary amendment (other than small entity):

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	x Rate	Additional Fees
Total Claims	32	-32	=0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claim	8	-8	=0	x \$ 86	\$ 0.00
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Basic filing Fee					\$770.00
Total					\$770.00

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5. ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 in the amount of \$770.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.25. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
6. ☐ This application, as amended, names as inventors:
☐ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.
☐ fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.
☐ a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.48 is/has separately: ☐ being filed ☐ been filed
7. ☐ A request for deferral of examination accompanies this Request for Continued Examination.

Date: 17 March 04

Respectfully submitted,



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